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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request –

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This is a renewal of the currently approved collection for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before [insert date that is 60 days after publication in the Federal Register].

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Donna Hines, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 528, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Donna Hines at 703-305-2196 or via email to wichq-web@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 528, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Donna Hines, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division at 703-305-2746 or Donna.Hines@fns.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Form Number: FNS 683A

OMB Number: 0584-0541

Expiration Date: March 3, 2013

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 4231 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246, also known as the Farm Bill) reauthorized the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) through fiscal year 2012; a prior law (the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-171)) gave the Department of Agriculture the authority to promulgate regulations for the operation and administration of the SFMNP. These regulations are published at 7 CFR Part 249. The purposes of the SFMNP are to provide resources in the form of fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs from farmers' markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs to low income seniors; to increase the domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs; and to develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs.

USDA published a final rulemaking on the SFMNP on December 6, 2006 (71 FR 74618), that contained an estimated information collection burden based on the rule's requirements for program operation and administration. The previous SFMNP information collection burden was

approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for 3 years, effective March 2010, under RIN 0584-0541. The Department is now soliciting comments on the accuracy and reasonableness of the renewal of this estimated burden.

The estimated total annual Reporting and Recordkeeping burden is 465,319 hours. The estimated total burden is 32,459 hours lower than the previously approved collection burden. Several SFMNP State agencies reported a decrease in the number of participants served and number of authorized farmers' markets. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Reporting Burden

Affected Public: Respondents include State agencies, local agencies, individuals/households (participants), and authorized SFMNP farms (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs).

Estimated Number of Respondents: The total estimated number of respondents is 906,196. This includes: State agencies, local agencies, individuals/households (participants), and authorized SFMNP farms (farmers, farmers' markets, roadside stands, and CSA programs).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 906, 196

Estimated Time per Response: .263 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 237,922 hours.

Recordkeeping Burden:

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 900,255

Respondents include: State and local agencies.

Estimated Number of Records per Respondent : 1

Estimated Time per Recordkeeping: .253 hours

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 227,397

Estimated Total Annual Reporting/Recordkeeping Requirements: 465, 319 hours

Regulation Section	Title	Estimated No. of Respondents	Reports Filed Annually	Total Annual Response	Estimated Hrs/ Response	Annual Burden Hrs
Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and US Territories)						
Reporting						
249.3(e)	Local Agency Applications	510	1	510	2	1,020
249.4	State Plan	51	1	51	40	2,040
249.10(e)	Monitoring/review of outlets	804	1	804	1.5	1,206
249.10(f)	Coupon/CSA management system	51	1	51	5	255
249.10(h)	Coupon reconciliation	51	1	51	3	153
249.11	Financial management system	51	1	51	10	510
249.12	Prior Approval for costs per 7 CFR 3016.22	5	1	5	160	800
249.17(b)(2)	State agency corrective action plans	12	1	12	10	120
249.18(b)	Audit responses	12	1	12	15	180
249.23(b)	Financial/recipient reports	51	1	51	40	2,040
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	1,598		1,598	5.20	8,324
Affected Public: INDIVIDUALS/HOUSEHOLDS (Applicants for Program Benefits)						
Reporting						
249.6 (a)(3)	Certification data for seniors	900,000	1	900,000	0.25	225,000
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	900,000		900,000		225,000
Affected Public: Farms (Farmers/Markets/Roadside stands/CSA's)						
Reporting						
249.10(b)	Farmer applications & agreements	4,598	1	4,598	1	4,598
Subtotal	(Reporting Requirements)	4,598		4,598		4,598
SUBTOTAL REPORTING		906,196	1	906,196	.263	237,922

Affected Public: STATE & LOCAL AGENCIES (Including Indian Tribal Organizations and US Territories)						
Recordkeeping						
249.9	Nutrition education	900,000	1	900,000	0.25	225,000
249.10(b)	Authorized outlet					
	agreements	51	1	51	2	102
249.10(e)	Summary of authorized					
	outlet monitoring	51	1	51	2	102
249.11	Record of financial					
	expenditures	51	1	51	2	102
249.16(a)	Fair hearings	51	1	51	1	51
249.23(a)	Record of program					
	operations	51	1	51	40	2,040
Subtotal	(Recordkeeping Requirements)	900,255	1	900,255	.253	227,397
TOTAL BURDEN	(Reporting & Recordkeeping)	1,806,451		1,806,451		465,319

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Date

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